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# Office Action Summary

Application No.  
09/965,834

Applicant(s)  
Wexler et al.

Examiner  
Clark F. Dexter

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jun 20, 2002
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 2 6) ☐ Other:

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Election/Restriction***

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group II (claims 3 and 4) in the response filed June 20, 2002 (paper no. 6) is acknowledged. Claims 1 and 2 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. The information disclosure statement filed November 7, 2001 (paper no. 2) has been received and the references listed thereon have been considered.

### ***Oath/Declaration***

3. The oath or declaration is defective. A new copy of the oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

The oath or declaration is defective because:

the copy made from the parent application and submitted with the present application is inadequate since the inventor information, particularly that for Mr. Wexler, is not legible.

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***Drawings***

4. The drawings are objected to because of the following informalities:

In Figure 2, numeral 23 should be added with a lead line (e.g., leading into the box) to indicate the thermoplastic material described in the specification.

In Figure 4, numeral 44 is not shown.

In Figure 5, numeral 22 appears to be inaccurate, and it seems that it should be changed to --11-- or the like.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

***Abstract***

5. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

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The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

6. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is too long and because it is not a single paragraph. ✓ Appropriate correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

### *Specification*

7. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

On page 6, ✓ lines 17-18, it seems that a numeral (e.g., 23) should be inserted after "thermoplastic material" or the like for clarity.

On page 8, line 23, ✓ numeral 21 is inaccurate and should be changed to --22--.

On page 9, lines 4 ✓ and 15, ✓ numeral 21 is inaccurate and it is suggested in line 4 to change it to --22--; in lines 15, 15-16, 23 and 29, the use of shaving aid material is unclear and appears to ← ✕ be inaccurate, and it seems that in line 15, "material 21" should be changed to --11--, and in the other occurrences, "material" should be deleted.

Appropriate correction is required.

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***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 1st paragraph***

8. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The specification and drawings do not appear to provide support for the claimed invention. Specifically, there is no support for a thermoplastic shaving aid material on which a coating can be disposed. Rather support is provided for a shaving aid which includes a thermoplastic layer upon which a water soluble layer containing shaving aid material is disposed. Note the examples of shaving aid material on page 10 of the specification.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 2nd paragraph***

9. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims are vague and indefinite as to what disclosed structure is being set forth, particularly in view of the above rejection under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph; For example, “thermoplastic shaving aid material” in claim 3, line 1 is vague and indefinite as to what disclosed structure it refers; in line 2, “means for indicating a change in the amount of said shaving aid material” is vague and indefinite as to what disclosed structure it refers, particularly

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in view of the detailed description and in view of the use of thermoplastic shaving aid material in line 1; in line 3, "coating" is vague and indefinite as to what disclosed structure it refers, particularly in view of the detailed description and the previous portions of claim 3.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

10. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

11. Claims 3 and 4, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Doroodian-Shoja Siamak, pn 5,388,331.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers for this group are: formal papers - (703)305-3590; informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.

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**Clark F. Dexter**  
**Primary Examiner**  
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September 16, 2002